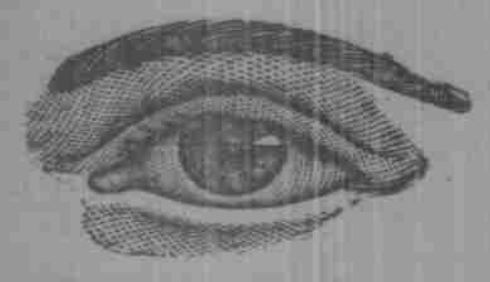


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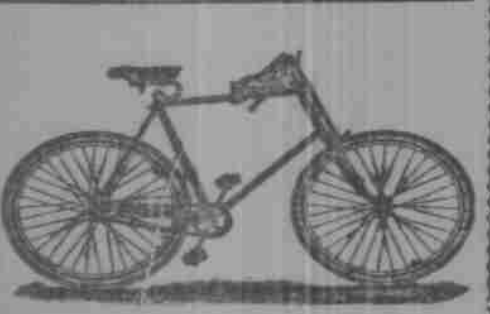
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WEAVING THE TOILS.

The Government Trying to Fasten on Debs

The Writing of Certain A. R. U. Telegrams.

THIRTEEN WITNESSES

Give Their Testimony in the United States Court.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—In the Debs case yesterday the first witness called was General Superintendent Dunlap of the Rock Island railroad. Mr. Dunlap gave an exhaustive history of the strike as it affected his road. Throughout the day the attorneys for the defense continued to object to the evidence introduced by the government, and for some unknown reason Judge Woods sustained them much oftener than he did during the earlier days of the trial. In all thirteen witnesses testified for the government during the day, most of the evidence adduced dealing with the scenes of violence and about the city during the strike.

J. N. Scales, general superintendent of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, identified the telegraphic correspondence which he had with Debs regarding the raising of the boycott on his road. He had wired Debs in the first place, telling him that the Mobile and Ohio road ran Pullman cars and requesting him to do what lay in his power to prevent the strike.

The next telegram bore the name of Debs and asked if the Mobile and Ohio road belonged to the General Managers' association. Upon Mr. Scales' assurance by wire that it did not, a telegram was sent asking Mr. Scales to call on Dwyer, the local representative of the American Railway Union, and make arrangements with him regarding the pulling off of the strike. This, Mr. Scales testified, he did, and read the agreement which he had with Dwyer. The telegrams were all placed in evidence.

One of the attorneys for the government said that if the telegrams could be positively traced to Debs in this case, his directing hand in the strike would be positively established. Toward the close of the afternoon the counsel for the government got down to the actual work of connecting Mr. Debs and his associates with the lawlessness by introducing the telegraph messenger boys who delivered various telegrams previously put in evidence at the office of the American Railway Union. In all but three cases the messages were either signed by the doorkeeper or Mr. Benedict, the typewriter. In three cases one of the messenger boys said he had delivered telegrams to Mr. Debs personally, and he had received for them. The delivery sheet was not in evidence, however, but it will be presented today.

The feature of the day's proceedings was a discussion brought about by Attorney Gregory, in which he scored the General Managers' association. He said: "We can get the witnesses to testify and the court will admit the evidence. I think we can show that this General Managers' association was preparing to reduce the wages of the employees on the roads which its members represented. They were seeking to do this by a combination against labor and this was the real cause of the strike. From one end of the country to the other we have heard of denouncing this sympathetic strike. Yet Judge Cooley, in his address to the American Bar association, says that no board of arbitration—and I add that no injunction—can compel men to work if they do not want to. Now these employees have a right to quit work. No injunction could prevent them from quitting or advising others to quit. The government has offered certain telegrams sent to these defendants; they have proved violence, but there has been no testimony as to connection between the fact and the strike."

Judge Woods replied that he thought some of these discussions were gotten up to draw the fire of the court, but the court so far endeavored to prevent the fire from developing. He said he had a decision by Justice Harlan on the subject of strikes which he would soon lay before them.

Mr. Irwin argued that any testimony was admissible which would show a mitigation of the offense. The judge replied that he was of the opinion that evidence of mitigation would only be allowed in criminal cases. Court then adjourned until today.

Nominated for Congress.
SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 12.—The Republican nominating convention of the Seventh congressional district met in Sedalia yesterday with a full delegate representation amid much enthusiasm. There were but two candidates in the field, Thomas J. Aikens of Hannibal, and Colonel John P. Tracey of Springfield. Mr. Aikens withdrew and moved that Colonel Tracey be nominated by acclamation, which was done. Hon. John T. Heard is the Democratic opponent and incumbent.

Disemboweled in a Fight.
BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 12.—Al Hickey was seriously if not fatally stabbed by Sam London at the Stockton house trading barn in this city shortly after midnight. London was drunk and quarrelsome and wanted to fight. Hickey knocked him down and London got up and stabbed him with a dirk-knife, practically disemboweling him. Hickey's injuries are thought to be fatal. London escaped.

California's Last Mexican Governor Dead.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 12.—Don Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor of California, died here yesterday morning. He was 93 years of age. Until within a few weeks he was in good health though feeble.

To act on the liver, and cleanse the bowels, no other medicine equals Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

THEY GO TO MR. SHELDON.

Joint Keepers Look for Mercy to the Congregational Pastor.

The druggists and other illegal liquor dealers who are under bond pending trial in the district court for violating the prohibitory law are making a desperate effort to have their cases dismissed.

This is especially true of those who were arrested on evidence furnished by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon and the temperance league.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon said today that he is being besieged by the friends of these violators of the prohibitory law begging that the prosecutions be dismissed. One druggist against whom there are about seven counts pending presented a long petition asking that he be allowed to plead guilty on one count and the other counts against him be dismissed. This man told Mr. Sheldon that if the prosecutions against him were continued he would surely be broken up in business and said it would kill him if he had to go to jail.

He assured Mr. Sheldon that County Attorney Safford was willing to dismiss the cases against him if Mr. Sheldon and the temperance committee would only consent. Mr. Sheldon says, however, that County Attorney Safford has repeatedly assured him that he would not do so.

"It is useless," he said, "to attempt to do anything towards enforcing the law if partiality is shown and some of these cases are dismissed. I believe every case should be prosecuted vigorously. Some of these men under arrest say they are in business and want to get into the liquor business to make a living after they lost their jobs in the shops. I see no reason why there should be any discrimination in favor of any one, but if the temperance people of Topeka are interested in this matter, they should rally around the committee and lend their encouragement to our efforts."

FREE ALCOHOL IN THE ARTS

Secretary Carlisle in a Quasidary Overt This Recreant Subject.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Great pressure continues on the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue for a decision as to whether any regulation will be made looking to the enforcement of that clause of the new tariff bill providing for free alcohol in the arts and in medical preparations. A committee of the National Association of Druggists is at present engaged in the formulation of some tentative regulations which will be submitted to Secretary Carlisle Thursday next. Meanwhile the commissioner of internal revenue is besieged by firms interested in the manufacture of medicinal preparations in which alcohol is used, of varnishes and other substances requiring the use of alcohol as a solvent; the distillers of wood alcohol and the distillers of whiskey, all of whom have a vital interest in the final decision. From the standpoint of the treasury many millions of revenue are involved, as it is claimed, under the free alcohol clause. If it should go into effect, a great portion of the whiskey would be in the form of slightly adulterated medicinal preparations. The general impression among the officials at the treasury department, who are familiar with the situation, is that Secretary Carlisle will be unable to overcome the difficulties in his path, and that without the aid of the legislature it will be impossible for him to put the free alcohol provision of the bill into effect until means are provided by congress, and then the question of repealing the provision would be considered.

Suicide of an Old Conductor.

TRENTON, Mo., Sept. 12.—F. L. Price, for several years a conductor on the Rock Island railway, with a run out of this city, later in the grocery business, committed suicide at Hardland, Knox county, Mo., yesterday by taking carbolic acid. He was on his way to Marcelline to take a position on the Santa Fe. Business trouble and ill health in his family prompted the deed. Deceased was a member of the L. O. O. F.

Drayton to Rush into Print.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—In reference to the divorce brought by James Coleman Drayton against his wife, the daughter of the late William Astor, Mr. Drayton will, upon his arrival in this country, publish a statement, giving in detail the story told briefly in the papers filed at Trenton, N. J. This decision grows out of the fact that he does not view with favor the present state of affairs.

Grant Owens Day at Paris.

PARIS, Ky., Sept. 12.—The largest political gathering ever assembled in Kentucky was that at the Paris fair grounds yesterday, in honor of Hon. W. C. Owens, candidate for congress against Colonel Breckinridge. It was made up of ladies and gentlemen from every county in the Ashland district, and a more enthusiastic audience never assembled.

Great Falling Off in Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The statement of the monthly receipts from customs for the port of New York for the last ten days, practically the first ten days of the new tariff act, shows a total of \$3,844,219, as against \$8,733,031 for the preceding ten days. Not one dollar in gold coin or gold certificates was received during the ten days at New York.

Hotel at Vandalia Destroyed.

MEXICO, Mo., Sept. 12.—The Hanna hotel at Vandalia was destroyed by fire. The loss, which was only partially covered by insurance, will amount to about \$5,000.

Saunders in Jail.

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 12.—General Saunders, of the Cripple Creek Coseyites, appeared in the federal court here yesterday and was fined \$50. In default of payment he was committed to jail.

Several guests were made dangerously ill at a wedding supper in Scott county, Virginia. It was found that the wedding cake contained rough on rats.

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BONDS OF AMITY.

Japan and Corea Are Now Warmly United.

Full Synopsis of the New Treaty

TO COERCE CHINA,

To Give Up All Claims on Corea.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—A telegram was received at the Japanese legation yesterday morning to the effect that an important treaty had been negotiated between Corea and Japan which authoritatively defines the relations of the two countries toward each other and toward China. The object of the treaty is stated in the preamble to be the mutual desire on the part of the Emperor of Japan and the King of Corea to definitely fix and determine the attitude of each country toward the other with a view to clearly elucidating the existing relations between Japan and Corea which have been created by the request to carry out Korean operations has made to the Japanese government to compel the Chinese to evacuate Corea. To secure concerted action for the more effective accomplishment of this object the treaty of alliance between the two countries was signed at Seoul on August 26 by Mr. Otori, the envoy of Japan, and the Korean minister of foreign affairs.

The treaty consists of three articles. Article 1 defines the object of the alliance to be the strengthening and perpetuating of the independence of Corea as an autonomous state, and the promotion of the mutual interests of Japan and Corea by compelling the Chinese forces to withdraw from Corea and by obliging China to abandon her claim of the right to dominate the affairs of that country.

Article 2 binds the Japanese government to furnish the Korean government with supplies of provisions at a fair remuneration so far as such supplies may be needed.

By article 3 it is provided that the treaty shall terminate so soon as a treaty of peace shall have been concluded by Japan with China.

Mr. Kurino, the Japanese minister, talked regarding the new treaty between Japan and Corea. "We have nothing but the announcement of the treaty," said he, "but my inference from its terms is that it will prove highly advantageous to Corea. There has existed there, under Chinese auspices, the most corrupt system of taxation and extortion. The intrigues of China there have been a threat to the peace of the East. The Japanese government has desired the settlement of this question only for the peace of the East. It has been entirely without expectation of territorial aggrandizement or exercise of suzerainty of Corea."

CHINESE IN JAPAN.

An Imperial Ordinance Defining Their Status in That Country.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Copies of an imperial ordinance of Japan, defining the status of Chinese in the empire, which was issued early in August, have been received at the state department. In the light of the recent controversy over the two Japanese subjects in China who appealed to the United States consul for protection, and were delivered to the Chinese authorities, the decree is interesting. Chinese subjects, by its terms are authorized to continue to reside in Japan and to engage in lawful occupations, and are entitled to protection for themselves and their property, but are made subject to the jurisdiction of the Japanese courts. They are required to register with the authorities of their provinces within twenty days under penalty of expulsion for refusal to register. For injury to the interests of Japan they are liable to expulsion, besides the usual penalty. Permission to move from one province to another must be obtained from the authorities, and the Chinamen cannot enter Japan without such permission. Nothing in the ordinance is to affect the orders of the imperial military authorities.

According to the first clause of the ordinance it appears the Chinese in Japan are under the same jurisdiction as the Japanese in China, namely, of the government in which they are residing.

ELECTION IN MAINE.

Comparative Statement Made With the Vote of 1892.

LEWISTON, Me., Sept. 12.—The following is the vote for governor from 300 towns compared with the vote cast in the same towns in 1892: Henry B. Cleaves, Republican, 55,964; Charles F. Johnson, Democrat, 25,134; L. C. Batesman, Populist, 1,779; Ira G. L. Batesman, Prohibitionist, 3,233; Republican plurality, 32,860.

In 1892 the same towns voted: Henry B. Cleaves, Republican, 54,893; Charles F. Johnson, Democrat, 43,859; L. C. Batesman, Populist, 2,994; Aaron Hays, Prohibitionist, 3,057; Republican plurality, 10,994.

Missouri Catholic Knights.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 12.—At the seventh biennial convention of the state council of Missouri Catholic Knights of America which met yesterday, about 150 delegates and members were present. Solemn high mass was celebrated after which the usual committees were appointed.

Frost in Northern Kansas.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 12.—Frosts were reported Tuesday morning in Northern Kansas and Southern Nebraska, but they were not of a damaging nature.

112 and 114 West 5th, Peerless Steam Laundry.

CELEBRATED PEACH DAY.

Mar-Loads of Blushing, Fragrant Fruit Given Away at Grand Junction.

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Sept. 12.—Never in the history of Grand Junction, has the city known such an influx of visitors as marked the third annual celebration of Peach day. From an ordinary local justification it has grown, and its fame has spread beyond the confines of Colorado, until now the visitors can scarcely be accommodated. A canvas-covered pavilion 100x50 feet, covered the 130 car-loads of blushing, fragrant fruit. At noon the feast began and was continued until late at night. The exercises consisted of a parade drill of the Chaffee Light artillery, opening of the firemen's tournament and the knights of Pythias grand lodge and speech-making. Coloradans expect, in the near future, to cut California out of the Colorado fruit market.

Corbett Says Jackson's Afool.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Champion Corbett talked freely last night concerning Jackson's refusal to sign the articles for a fight under the auspices of the Sioux City athletic club next year. He expressed his hearty disgust at Jackson's actions and reiterated his oft repeated views of the colored man's fear to fight him.

A Preacher Commits Suicide.

HARRISONVILLE, Mo., Sept. 12.—Rev. Snider, a well to do Advent preacher and farmer, living about three miles west of town, committed suicide by jumping into a pond. The cause is not known.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

The duke of San Carlos, gentleman of the bedchamber of the king of Spain, has committed suicide.

At Bound Brook, N. J., Alex. Shields, racing stable was entered and its prize stallion, valued at \$5,000, stolen.

Congressman John M. Allen was nominated by the First Mississippi district Democratic congressional convention.

In Green Bay, Wis., Congressman Lyman E. Barnes was renominated as the Democratic candidate in the Eighth Wisconsin district.

A west bound Union Pacific train was stopped by robbers, who tore up the track between Mountain Home and Nampa, Idaho. They got nothing.

Nelson Woods was killed and Cuby Reddin fatally injured by a premature dynamite explosion in the West Knoxville, Tenn., sewer, in which they were working.

The republic of Colombia has presented Nicaragua with the second protest, claiming sovereignty over the Mosquito reservation under old Spanish titles.

The New York constitutional convention has passed the amendment removing the statutory limit of \$5,000 in actions for recovery of damages for injuries resulting in death.

Adolph Grafoski, Herman Cecile and Charles Boswin were struck by a Wabash passenger train in the yards at Decatur, Ky. Grafoski was instantly killed and the others will die.

A dispatch from Varsin says that Prince Bismarck continues to enjoy good health, and that Princess Bismarck is recovering. She has left her bed, and is gaining strength daily.

A double murder occurred near Roseburg, Ore. W. F. Breckman, a farmer, shot and killed his wife and stepson, Robert King. The tragedy was the outgrowth of domestic discord.

The steamship Orisiba, which arrived in New York from Vera Cruz, brought 215,000 Mexican silver dollars consigned to James E. Ward, of which 207,000 are in transit to London, and 8,000 to Paris.

The result of the election held in the provinces of Spain for the council so far as known is: Government Liberals, 341; Conservatives, 96; Discontents, 33; Carlists, 18; Republicans, 32; Independents, 11.

In Trinidad, Col., Judge S. S. Wallace, Populist nominee for district judge, has been arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Brown under a special indictment growing out of the recent A. R. U. strike.

A stage was held up seven miles south of Congress, Ariz., by two masked highwaymen. Six passengers were in the coach. They were relieved of all their valuables, the bandits securing \$300 in coin.

While attempting to cross the track ahead of the north-bound express train N. Putnam, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Orson Higgins of Benson, Va., were instantly killed, and a little girl, Mary Manley, was fatally injured.

The Sultan has again given practical evidence of his interest in America. His majesty was deeply moved by the tragic details of the forest fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and he has given 300 Turkish pounds for the benefit of the sufferers.

In Dayton, Ohio, Benjamin T. Travis, aged 55, a pensioner, and Julia A. Batten, aged 54, his paramour, engaged in a quarrel with fatal results. The woman used a club on Travis, inflicting wounds about the head from which he died a few hours later.

A Parachute, Col., dispatch says cattlemen swooped down upon three sheep camps on the mesa west of there, shot and dangerously wounded a herder named Carl Brown, drove off the other herders, and ran the sheep over the cliffs along Roan creek.

A special issue of the London Gazette has been published ordering the court to go into mourning to-day and to remain in mourning until September 21, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Comte De Paris, who was a cousin of the Queen.

The Monarchists in Brazil are still chafing under the new form of government, and it is said they have not yet abandoned the hope of re-establishing the monarchy. In fact, reports are current that they are at the present time engaged in organizing a revolution.

The contest in the Eleventh Illinois congressional district for the Republican nomination was amicably settled in a conference with State Chairman Tanager. Both Congressman Handerson and Henry Mayo withdrew from the contest and will not submit themselves to the consideration of the nominating convention, which will be held September 27.

SECRET SOCIETIES

ST. JOHN AND MALTA.

V. E. Grand Attorney Harry F. Lawrence, Notes and Gossip.

A member of the order who is universally respected is Bro. Harry F. Lawrence of Brooklyn, very eminent grand attorney.



He was born in 1860 and is therefore 34 years old. Bro. Lawrence was admitted to Brooklyn encampment, No. 65, Knights of St. John and Malta in 1887, and was raised a knight of justice, taking the other orders or degrees successively at succeeding conventions of "old 65." In 1891, after repeated refusal of official positions, Sir Knight Lawrence was created a past commander, and at the annual convention of the chapter general of America, P. C., Lawrence was unanimously elected very eminent grand attorney to the order, which position he filled so very satisfactorily that in 1893 he was again chosen to fill the same office.

A special convocation of the supreme council, college of ancients, will convene at Toronto Sept. 24.

The various encampments are actively preparing for the pilgrimage to Toronto. The new spirit of the "college," containing the entire working of the degrees, will shortly be distributed to the preceptors.

The annual convocation of the chapter general of America will be held this year at Toronto, and from present indications the order will be very largely represented on that occasion.

ODD FELLOWS.

The First Lady Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge—Linklets.

It is claimed that Slater Anna M. Pike of Alpha Rebekah lodge, No. 78, St. Louis, is entitled to the honor of being the first lady N. G. of a Rebekah lodge. Sister Pike holds a certificate showing that she was elected and installed within one week from the passage of the law by the sovereign grand lodge authorizing sisters to fill that place.

There are 69 lodges and 4,550 members in the lower province of British North America.

Ontario has 262 lodges and 29,000 members.

A practical exemplification of the golden motto, "Friendship, Love and Truth," on the part of individual members, is the real progress which the order should seek to attain.

The grand lodge of Ontario voted in favor of badges instead of collars.

The per capita tax upon subordinate lodges in Massachusetts for grand lodge purposes is 10 cents per term.

Ontario pays the grand secretary and grand treasurer salaries of \$2,000 each.

There will be over 60 new representatives at the sovereign grand lodge meeting. At the recent session of the grand lodge of Minnesota an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of grand lodge officers by vote of all past grands in their respective lodges prior to the grand lodge sessions and making return to the grand lodge was adopted.

At the laying of the cornerstone of the new Odd Fellows' temple at Albany 2,500 brethren marched in the procession.

Grand Secretary Cole's report shows the total membership of Massachusetts to be 43,132.

Hereafter the charter fee for Rebekah lodges in Massachusetts will be \$25, not to include rituals. The expenses of instituting Rebekah lodges is to be paid from the Rebekah lodge fund.

The grand lodge of New York was removed from the city of New York to Albany in 1888 without authority or sanction of the G. L. of U. S. and was reorganized at Newburgh in November, 1887, by a commission of the G. L. of U. S.

The grand lodge of Massachusetts made appropriations for salaries as follows: Grand secretary, \$1,500; grand treasurer, \$300; grand instructor, \$1,000.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Good Showing of the Endowment Bank.

The report of the endowment bank for the quarter ending July 1 has been received and shows the eighteenth fiscal year of the bank to be thus far the most prosperous in its history. More sections have been organized than in any previous quarter, and the membership and the amount of endowment also show the same satisfactory results. Since April 1, 1894, 102 new sections have been organized. Out of nearly 2,000 applicants 1,549 have successfully passed the medical examination and been admitted.

What the world wants today is less creed and more brotherhood, less dogma and more helpfulness.

Bridgeport, Conn., has a new lodge of 102 members called P. T. Barnum lodge.

Iowa lodge of Hastings, Ia., has decided to build a castle hall.

By the glorious principles of friendship, charity and benevolence, by the sacrifices made by the brethren, by the unnumbered nights in their cold and silent graves, good Lord, deliver us.

Royal Arcanum.

One assessment is called for September and must be paid before Oct. 1. The call has 108 deaths, of which two were suicides and 11 accidental.

The total membership of the order July 31 was 155,034 in 1,971 subordinate councils.

The estimated resources of the order are \$240,514.57 and the estimated liabilities \$142,000, leaving an excess of resources July 31 to provide for deaths in August of \$398,514.57.

The total payments in the W. O. B. fund to July 31 were \$27,779,002.20.

Catholic Order of Foresters.

The institution of the Catholic Order of Foresters can well be compared as a triumphant achievement with the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. It came into existence on the 23d of May, 1883, in the Sodality hall of the Holy Family